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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 9.

Part B for August-1941.

SUBJECT.

Preservation of the image of
Sri Gomateswara at Sravanabelagola

Sl. 72. From the Bangalore Commissioner

WD 0573—GPB—22,500—12 9.39

States that an estimate for
Rs 325/- for Construction of masonry
wall has been sanctioned
by him

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OFFICE OF THE DEWAN OF MYSORE.

RAI BAHADUR वाणिज्य भूषण रा. ब. सेठ लालचन्द बी. सेठी

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:- "SETHI

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KOTAH, BHAVANIGANJ.

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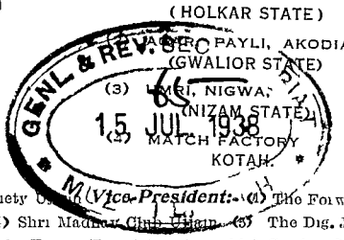

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REF. No 2294/38

BINOD BHAWAN,
UJJAIN
10th July, 1938

The General Secretary,
Mysore Government,
General Revenue Secretariat,
B a n g a l o r e

Dear Sir,

I thank you for your letter No.1593/Mz 10-37-61 dated 7th June together with the Press note dated 25th May. I have noted with satisfaction that the Government of Mysore is taking the necessary steps for the protection and preser--vation of the image of Sri Gomateswara, and I trust that in future the necessary precautions will be taken.

Yours faithfully,

H/J

Submitted for perusal.

15/7/38.

A reply may be sent.

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GENL. & REV. SECRETARIAT 9 AUG. 1938 MUZRAI DEPT. 1938

OFFICE OF THE DEWAN OF MYSORE.

Order

9 AUG. 1938

No. 308

Name of Petitioner Nagappa & others

Village Sravanabelagola

Taluk Channarayapatna

District Hassan

Date of Petition

Date of Receipt 30-7-38

No. of Enclosures nil

ABSTRACT.

State that some cracks have been observed in the idol of Sri Gomateswara Swami at Sravanabelagola and that some of the pavement stones have got loosened etc., & request that Government may be pleased to direct the Department concerned to examine these defects and take them right as early as possible.

Submitted

Sd/-

If approved the petition will be sent to Superintendent, Mysore Archaeological Office for report vide letter dated 2.8.38

General Secretary to Govt.

With compliments

P.S.

for PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE DEWAN OF MYSORE.

GENERAL SECRETARY 12 AUG. 1938

Reports to the Director of Education

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(b) Submitted with a draft letter to the Archaeological Department.

Asst. Secy. S.

(7) Forwarded

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(8) The reports of action taken by the Department concerned is submitted for perusal. The image has been inspected by responsible officers of the Mysore D.P.W. Geological and Archaeological Departments who are in consultation with experts outside the State, and experiments are also being tried by the Director of Geology to find out a satisfactory method of cleaning up the patches. Further report permission will be awarded

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GENERAL SECRETARY
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Box 1/10 For perusal. Gen. Secy. 2nd 13/10 Hon 1/10

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9. Issue a reminder to the Registrar, Mysore University, issued & submitted with a draft.

10. Issue 1/m 31

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25-2-39

To the Registrar,
Mysore University.

No. 1340 dated 20-2-39.

Requests him to remind the Director of Archaeological Researches about the report on a satisfactory method of covering up the patches found on the image of Śrī Gomaṭeśwaraswāmi promised in his letter No. 145 dated 10th Septr. 1938.

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Submits a draft for further orders in the matter.

(11) The report of the Geological Dept on the investigations so far conducted and the issues on the works of Weathering on the Statue is submitted for perusal. The Registrar has stated that the suggestions made in the report, for preventing

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the Statue may be considered by Govt in consultation with other experts. It is also stated that the Director of Archaeology can do very little in the matter except awaiting suggestions of the Director of Geology. The Registrar wants that the copy of the report may be sent to the Director after perusal by Govt

(14) As the Statue of Sri Gowtameshwara is an Ancient Monument, the question of the same is a matter that may be considered and appropriately be dealt with by the Director of Geology in consultation with other experts, as opined by the Registrar of the University, the file will be sent to the Geological Section (Development Br) for necessary further action and orders

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And now the file

13) The Director of Geology may be requested to consider the above suggestions if necessary in consultation with other experts and submit their views to the Commissioner of Govt

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(16) Adverted to the decision of Geology is Enclosed.

(17) Some Lo 25/8

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446 dated 1-8-38

The Director of Geology

Forwards a copy of the Referred Letter and its enclosure copied for necessary action & report.

449 dated 31.8.38

Copy to the AG for Hon Mysteries

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Letter No 9410-34 & 25-9-38

From the Director of Geology

Submits a report with suitable proposals, as called for above

(18) The director's report is noted for perusal. In order to check the weathering effects on the Statue, the investigations made by the Geological Dept are reported to have indicated that a French substance known as "Fluate de Magnesie" is suitable for the purpose. It is also stated that it is not difficult to paint the patches with this substance and

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Para (i)

that this could be done easily by local Labour. The cost on this account is estimated to be about Rs 1000/- The Director is of the opinion that it would be best to apply this Substance just after the Mahamastakabhisheka which is to be celebrated in Feb 1940 by taking advantage of the Scaffolding which will be put up on that occasion.

(19) Regarding the cracks on the Statue the Director has stated that as already pointed out by him, they have all to be got filled up with a thin paste of portland cement forced well into the cracks under a slight pressure and that this work which will not be very expensive should be got done as early as possible.

Para (ii)

(20) The Director has further suggested that is necessary to replace the existing packing wall on the right wing, with properly built substantial masonry wall so as to give a firm support to this side of the Statue and prevent any further cracking and damage.

Para (iii).

(21) If agreed, the above letter (a copy) will be sent to the H.C. intimating the action taken by Govt. in this matter.

Respectfully submitted for perusal

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The Director of Archaeology, Govt. of India, had also made some suggestions, by December night, for the protection of the statue. The Director would be aware of them. Also the Director of Geology may be asked his opinion regarding the P.W.D.

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A draft letter to the Minister is put up

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Preservation of the Idol at Kalavakolapalu

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Letter No C14/37-3 dated 1.4.1941 from the Museum Curator in Madras forwarding a copy of the Proceedings of the Meeting of Officers held on 29th March 1941 in connection with the steps to be taken for the preservation of the image of the Sphinx at Kalavakolapalu.

(29) Submitted for perusal with reference to Advocate's Minute in para 25 supra.

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31 What were the suggestions made by the Director of Archaeology, Govt of India & what action was taken on the same

7/4/41

32 Information is not available in the records in the file as to what exactly were the suggestions of the Director of Archaeology to the Govt of India for the preservation of the Idol at Kalavakolapalu. From the latest report received, it is seen that the ~~Chemi~~ chemical compound - Vinyl Acetate - has been recommended by the Archaeological Chemist to the Govt of India, for the purpose and that the Director of Geology and the Director of ~~Archaeology~~ Sandal Wood Oil Factory are ~~requested~~ to conduct experiments with the said compound. If approved the Museum Curator will be requested to furnish the information

Letter No M.C 14/37-3 dated 8/12/41 from the M.C in Misc

requesting Govt to sanction the necessary expenditure of Rs 1200 in connection with the preservation of the Idol at Kalavakolapalu

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34 As intended by the Secretary, a copy of the note by the K.N. Dikshit, Director-General of Archaeology in India is put up. Page 4 of the said note contains his remarks on "Conservation" of ancient monuments, including the image at Srivanchalapalle. He has stated that it would be advisable to treat even hair cracks by suitable injection and the insertion of stainless steel dowels, and he has suggested that the State Archaeological Department may depute one of its Assistants for the purpose of studying the methods for which facilities will be granted by the Department. J

35 The Municipal Commissioner has requested sanction to the expenditure of Rs. 1200 on account of the supply of lunch to the members of the Committee who have present at the meeting on the 29th March 1941, the charge being met from the contingent allotment of the Municipal Commissioner's office. A draft of G.O. Ms. is submitted for orders.

References paras 31 and 33 Below

Draft 7/5/41 Sec

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36 Submitted perusal of the proceedings of the Committee - May 7.

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3) An extract from the notes of the Director General of Archaeology in India will ~~also~~ be sent to the Committee for information - the draft G.O sanctioning the travel charges may be approved

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39) A draft to the Mysore Commissioner on extract of the notes is putup. The above G.O. as drafted will also issue if approved by him

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from Mysore
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Letter No H.C 14/37-38 dt 2.8.41
From the Mayor Commissioner
Forwards a copy of the proceedings of the
Meeting of Officers held on the 23rd July
1941 at Pallavaram Camp in connection
with the steps to be taken for the
preservation of the Image of Sri Gowra
Iswara

(41) Submit for perusal

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From the Mayor Commissioner
In continuation of his letter dated 2.8.41
(Serial 71 supra) states that an estimate
for Rs 325-/- for constructing a masonry Wall
supporting the N.E.-Hill portion of the
Image has since been sanctioned by him.

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42 Submit for perusal

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OFFICE OF THE DEWAN
OF MYSORE.
Date of receipt 30-7-38
Petn: Regr. No 5078

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Section M 6
File No. 10-37
Serial No. 64

Diary No. of letter replied to.....

No. 291/one pets.

To

The Registrar, Mysore University
Mysore

Sir,

With reference to correspondence ending with this office letter No 1557/Miny 10-37-38 dated 2.6.38 regarding certain works ~~that~~ have appeared ~~on the image of Sri Gomateshwara at Shravanabelagola~~ and ~~Sri~~ directed to forward herewith a petition dated ~~the~~ 28th May from Messrs Nagaraja and certain other residents of Shravanabelagola village in the matter and to request you to be so kind as to ~~submit the~~ furnish ~~report~~ the results taken in the matter

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Date of issue 31-8-38

Signed by .....

The preservation of the image of Sri Gomateshwara at Shravanabelagola on which

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GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

General and Revenue Secretariat

Dated, Bangalore, 30th August 1938

No. 2911-Muz 10-37-64

From

The General Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

To

The Registrar,

Mysore University, MYSORE.

Sir,

With reference to correspondence ending with this office letter No.1557/Muz.10-37-58 dated 2nd June 1938 regarding the preservation of the image of Sri Gomateswara at Sravanabelagola on which certain marks have appeared, I am directed to forward herewith a petition received from Mr.Nagappa and certain other residents of Sravanabelagola village in the matter and to request you to be so good as to inform Government as already requested of the result of the action taken in the matter.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

For General Secretary to Government.

MK.

Tel. Address: "UNIREG
Telephone No. 277.

University of Mysore.

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Office of the University of Mysore,

Mysore, Dated 26-9- 1938.

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From

V. GOPALASWAMI AIENGAR, Esq., M.A.,
Registrar, University of Mysore,
Mysore.

To

June 10-37-65

GENERAL SECRETARY.
28 SEP. 1938

M.Venkatesa Iyengar, Esq., M.A.,
General Secretary to the Government
of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Sir,

With reference to your letters Nos.1557/Muz. 10-37-58, dated the 2nd June 1938 and 291/Muz.10-37-64, dated the 31st August 1938, regarding the preservation of the image of Sri Gomateswara at Sravanabelagola, I am directed to forward herewith for information a copy of letter No.145, dated the 10th September 1938, from the Director of Archaeological Researches reporting on the action already taken and that proposed.

The petition received with your letter dated the 31st August 1938 is herewith returned.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Registrar.

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University of Mysore.

Letter No.145, dated the 10th September 1938, from the Director of Archaeological Researches in Mysore, Mysore, to the Registrar, University of Mysore.

With reference to your letter No.5845, dated the 5th ~~inst~~ instant calling for a report on the action taken regarding the preservation of Sri Gomatesvara at Sravanabelagola, I have the honour to state that the matter has been engaging the serious attention of this department. The image has been inspected and studied by responsible officers of the Muzrai, D.P.W., Geological and Archaeological departments who are in consultation with experts in and outside India. Experiments are also being tried by the Director of Geology. As soon as a satisfactory method of covering up the patches is found, a report will be submitted to Government and permission will be sought to apply this remedy. It is hoped to do this when the scaffolding is put up a few months before the next Maha-abhishekha takes place.

" Copy "

Registrar.

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Date of issue 20. 2. 39.

Signed by Dr. L.K.V.

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Serial No. R

No. 1340

To The Registrar,
The University of Mysore.

Sir

Preservation of the image of Sri Gomateswara at Shravanabelagola.

With reference to your letter No. 7224 dated 26th Sept. 1938 on the subject referred to above, I am directed to request you to remind the Director of Archaeological Researches about the report on the a satisfactory method of covering up the patches found on of Sri Gomateswara

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~~in his letter No. 145~~
dated 10th Sept. 1938 addressed to
you, as the next Mahamastaka
Abhisheka is fast approaching
an early reply is requested.
Thanking you etc.

Yours
9/9/38
Secy. to Govt
Gen. Dept

GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

General and Revenue Secretariat

No. 1840/Gms 10-37--R *Dated, Bangalore,* 14th February 1939.

From

The General Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

To

The Registrar,
University of Mysore,
MYSORE.

Sir,

SUBJECT. - Preservation of the image of Sri Gomateswara at Sravanabelagola.

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With reference to your letter No. 7224 dated 26th September 1938 on the subject referred to above, I am directed to request you to remind the Director of Archaeological Researches about the report on a satisfactory method of covering up the patches found on the image of Sri Gomateswara promised by him in his letter No.145 dated 10th September 1938 addressed to you, as the next Mahamastakabhisheka is fast approaching.

An early reply is requested.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Secretary to Government,
General Department.

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V. GOPALASWAMI AIENGAR M.A.
Registrar.

Dated 15th August

Dear Sir,

Reference: Your letter No.230/Uni.dated the 2nd August 1939 in the matter of preservation of the image of Sri Gomateswara at Shravanabelagola.

I am desired to state that the Director of Archaeology has been in communication with the Director of Geology and has been awaiting his suggestions as to what should be done. As this is a technical matter involving knowledge of Geology and Chemistry, it is to be feared that the Director of Archaeology can do little in the matter except awaiting the suggestions of the Director of Geology.

The Director of Geology was requested to forward his suggestions immediately, and in reply he has sent a copy of a report on the investigations so far conducted and the results on the marks of weathering on the statue prepared by his Assistant, Mr.M.B.Ramachandra Rao. It is understood that the report along with other matter is in the Press and will take a month or more before the Volume is published.

The report after describing the several marks of weathering on the statue discusses remedial measures. Generally speaking, varicus trials made on two blocks of the granite from the statue hill after they had been finely dressed by chiselling seem to have been not very fruitful as the enclosed copy of the report will show.

The conclusion of the investigator so far as cracks and fissures are concerned is that they should all be filled with a thin paste of portland cement forced well into the cracks under a slight pressure. This composition would set

soon and bind firmly the surfaces of the rock and av further trouble if the cracks are neglected. Other suggestions for preserving the statue are also made in the report which may be considered by Government in consultation with other experts.

The typed copy of the report has to be returned to the Director of Geology, and I am to request that after its perusal by Government, it may kindly be sent to the Director.

Yours Sincerely,

Director of Geology

J.Appaji Gowda, Esq., B.A.(Hons.)
General Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore.

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File No. 10-37

Serial No.

Diary No. of letter replied to 257

No. 448/Gen 2

To The Director of

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General and Revenue Secretariat

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Date of issue 31-8-39

Signed by W. S. K. V.

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presentation made by Sri Gyaneshwar at Ramanabetta

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of letter No 4305 dated 15.8.1939 together with its enclosure in original received from the Registrar of the University relative to above subject and to request you to be good enough to Convene as to ~~Suggest~~ some experts if necessary and submit suitable

GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

General and Revenue Secretariat

No. 448   *Dated, Bangalore,* 30th August 1939.

From

The Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Law Department

To

The Director of Geology in Mysore,
Bangalore.

SUBJECT: Preservation of the image of Sri Gomateswara at Sravanabelagola.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of letter No.4305 dated 15th August 1939 together with its enclosure in original, received from the Registrar of the University of Mysore on the above subject and to request you to be so good as to consult some experts, if necessary and submit suitable proposals for the consideration of Government at an early date.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant

Sd/- J.Appaji Gowda,

General Secretary to Government.

Memo No. 449-731-8-39,

Copy of the above is forwarded, with compliments, to the Registrar, Mysore University, for information.

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General Secretary to Government

GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE. Survey 10-37

Telegraphic Address:—"GEOL

MYSORE GEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 9410-34

Bangalore, 28th September 193 9

FROM

B. RAMA RAO, ESQ., M.A., D.I.C., F.G.S.,
Director of Geology in Mysore,
Bangalore.

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To

The General Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
BANGALORE.

SIR,

Subject:- Preservation of the Statue of Sri Gomateswara at Sravanabelagola.

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I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter No.448 dated 31st August 1939 on the above subject and to state that investigations were taken up immediately after the question was referred to this Department, by the Muzrai Commissioner, in September 1937. A detailed examination of the Statue, along with the Director of Archaeological Researches in Mysore, was also made by me during April 1938. Interim reports on the examinations made by this Department were furnished to the Muzrai Commissioner in December 1937 and April 1938.

As I have already written to the Muzrai Commissioner, the small pitted surfaces on the Statue are due to weathering of the rock under the influence of the S.W. monsoons. The progress of this weathering would be so slow that it would not cause any serious damage to the image for some centuries to come, but the cracks found in certain parts require to be filled up as soon as possible to prevent further possible damages to the Statue.

In order to check the weathering effects on the Statue, I started investigations in respect of finding a suitable material for the purpose. Over twenty compositions, prepared out of the materials obtained locally, as well as those got from foreign countries, were tried at the Geological Laboratory, on blocks of finely dressed granite taken from the Statue hill. These investigations

investigations have indicated that a French substance known as "FLUATE DE MAGNESIE" is suitable for the purpose. In order study its effects under actual field conditions, a few small portions on the rear side of the Statue and also a few of the blocks of dressed granite in the wall of the Parsanathswami temple on the northern hill, were treated with Fluate composition. On recent inspection it was found that the composition is adhering fairly well. This, while protecting the surface fr further deterioration, will not, however, completely fill up th weather pits and remove the patchy appearance. Whether this composition is likely to remain for long periods can be judged only after the lapse of a few more months.

For the information of Government I might say that I have consulted a number of firms, engineering Geologists and others who have had experience in the stone preservation in other countries and the opinion generally elicited is that nothing very satisfactory could be done to completely efface the patchy appearance and protect absolutely the image from further decaying effects. Some have expressed an opinion that these weather pits might even be left as they are so as to suggest the antiquity of the Statue. One expert suggested the re-dressing of the Statue while another thought that putting up some construction covering the image would be better. These, however, cannot be considered as practicable or desirable. After a careful consideration of these various suggestions received, I am of opinion that, at present, we can only mitigate the effects of further weathering by applying preservative substances. The coating of the preservative will perhaps stand for a few years and it may become necessary to renew once in a few years, probably about 8 to 10 years. If this is done the Statue could be preserved in the present form for a very long time.

It is not very difficult to paint the patches with

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this Fluate solution and this could be done easily by local labour. The manufacturers state that to cover one square meter some 600 grammes of the material will be needed. Therefore to coat the affected parts, which perhaps would amount to about 200 square meters, it will require about 12 kilograms of the substance. The cost of this will be about a thousand rupees, at the rate of 90 francs per kilogram, quoted by the firm.

Owing, however, to the prevailing war conditions, it is doubtful if we could get this substance now, but in case it is obtainable it would be best to apply the substance just after the Mahamastakabhisheka (proposed to be celebrated in February 1940) by taking advantage of the scaffolding which will be put up on that occasion.

Regarding the cracks on the Statue, I have already stated in my letter to the Fuzrai Commissioner that they have all to be got filled up with a thin paste of portland cement, forced well into th cracks under a slight pressure. This work would not be very expensive one and should be got done as early as possible.

The right wing of the lower portion representing the ant hill is not well supported and the cracking in that region is perhaps due to this want of suitable support. It is necessary to replace the existing packing wall with properly built substantial masonry wall so as to give a firm support to this side of the Statue and prevent any further creeping and damage.

I have the honour to be,
S i r ,
Your most obedient servant,

B Ramarao

D I R E C T O R ,
Mysore Geological Department.

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Section 1

File No. 1 6

Serial No.

Diary No. of letter replied to 4.5.0

No. 812/Gen II

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Sir, - - - - - -

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Date of issue 10-10-39

Signed by W. S. K. V.

With reference to your Correspondence ending with letter No H.c 14/37.3 & dated 7.5.1938 regarding preservation of the Statue of Sir Thomas Munro at Tranquebar, I am directed to forward herewith a copy of letter No 4410-34 dated 28.9.39 from the Director of Archæology in ellpse wating, certain suggestions for the preservation of the Statue and to request that necessary action may be taken in the matter and the question of removing the Statue from its present site.

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Director etc.,

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Copy with thanks (4) Registrar Mysore University, Mysore

In reference to his letter No 4305 dated 15.5.1939

(ii) The Chief Engineer, Mysore for information

(iii) The Director, Geology in Mysore Bangalore for information

GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

General and Revenue Secretariat

No. 812 Dang 10.37 Ed 1

Dated, Bangalore, 6th October 1939.

From

The General Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

To

The Munrai Commissioner in Mysore,
Bangalore.

Sir,

With reference to correspondence ending with your letter No. H.C14/37-38 dated 7th May 1938 regarding preservation of the Statue of Sri Gomateswara at Sravanabelagola, I am directed to forward herewith a copy of letter No.9410-34 dated 28th September 1939 from the Director of Geology in Mysore making certain suggestions for the preservation of the said Idol and to request that necessary action may kindly be taken in consultation with the Public Work Department and the Director of Geology in Mysore on the lines indicated in the Director's letter.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Sd/- J. Appaji Gowda

General Secretary to Government.

Memo No. 813-15

Dated, Bangalore, 16th October 1939.

Copy of the above is forwarded with compliments

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dressed granite in the wall of the Parsanathswami temple on the northern hill, were treated with Fluate composition. On recent inspection it was found that the composition is adhering fairly well. This, while protecting the surface from further deterioration, will not, however, completely fill up the weather pits and remove the patchy appearance. Whether this composition is likely to remain for long periods can be judged only after the lapse of a few more months.

For the information of Government I might say that I have consulted a number of firms, engineering geologists and others who have had experience in the stone preservation in other countries and the opinion generally elicited is that nothing very satisfactory could be done to completely efface the patchy appearance and protect absolutely the image for further decaying effects. Some have expressed an opinion that these weather pits might even be left as they are so as to suggest the antiquity of the statue. One expert suggested the re-dressing of the statue while another thought that putting up some construction covering the image would be better. These, however, cannot be considered as practicable or desirable. After a careful consideration of these various suggestions I opined, I am of opinion that, at present, we can only resist to the effects of further weathering by applying preservative substances. The coating of the preservative will perhaps stand for a few years and it may become necessary to renew once in 3 or 4 years, ordinarily in about 8 to 10 years. If this is done the statue could be preserved in the present form for a very long time.

It is not very difficult to paint the statue with the solution and this could be done easily by local labour. The manufacturers state that to cover one square metre area about one gram of the material will be needed. Therefore to cover the stone parts, which perhaps would amount to about 200 square metres, will require about 12 kilograms of the substance. It costs

this will be about a thousand rupees, at the rate of 30 rupees per kilogram, quoted by the firm.

Owing, however, to the prevailing war conditions, it is doubtful if we could get this substance now, but in case it is obtainable it would be best to apply the substance just after the Mahamastakabhisheka (proposed to be celebrated in February 1940) by taking advantage of the scaffolding which will be put up on that occasion.

Regarding the cracks on the statue, I have already stated in my letter to the Nagarai Commissioner that they have all to be got filled up with a thin paste of portland cement, forced well into the cracks under a slight pressure. This work would not be very expensive one and should be got done as early as possible.

The right wing of the lower portion representing the ant hill is not well supported and the cracking in that region is perhaps due to this want of suitable support. It is necessary to replace the existing packing wall with properly built substantial masonry wall so as to give a firm support to this side of the statue and prevent any further creeping and damage.

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For General Secretary to Government.

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No. C.H.C

Encl:

OFFICE OF THE MUZRAI COMMISSIONER IN MYSORE,

Bangalore, 21st March *1940.*

FROM

RUKN-UL-MULK
S. ABDUL WAJID. B.A.,
Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore,

B a n g. 15.23

To

J. Appaji Gowda, Esq., B.A.(Hons.),
Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
General *Department.*

GENERAL SECTION
25 MAR 1940

SIR.

Re: the Conservation of the Great Image of Sri Gomateswara at Sravanabelagola.-

With reference to your letter No.812/Muz.10-37- dated 10th October 1939 regarding the above, I have the honour to state that at the instance of the Director of Archaeological Researches in Mysore, I am convening a meeting of the marginally noted officers at Sravanabelagola on the 27th instant in connection with the steps to be taken for the Conservation of the Great Image of Sri Gomateswara at Sravanabelagola. The result of the meeting will be communicated to Government in due course.

1. The Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore.
2. The Chief Engineer of Mysore.
3. The Director of Archaeological Researches in Mysore.
4. The Director of Geology in Mysore.
5. The Government Architect.
6. The Deputy Commissioner, Hassan District.

The receipt of a further communication is also requested

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

Muzrai Commissioner.

BRN.

D.O. 14/37-38

ENCL.

OFFICE OF THE MUZRAI COMMISSIONER IN MYSORE,

Bangalore, March 4, 1941.

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FROM

RUKN-UL-MULK
S. ABDUL WAJID, B.A.,
Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore.

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To

GENERAL SECTT.
5 MAR 1941

J. Appaji Gowda, Esq., B.A.(Hon.),
Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
General *Department.*

SIR,

In continuation of this office letter No.H.C.14/37-38 dated 21-3-1940 re. the meeting on 27th March 1940 of certain officers at Sravanabelagola, in connection with the steps to be taken for the conservation of the image of Sri Gomateswara, I have the honor to state that the meeting could not be convened, as Dr. M. H. Krishna, Director of Archaeological Researches in Mysore, sent in a telegram pleading inability to attend the same. In the meanwhile, Mr. S. G. Sastry, Director of Sandalwood Oil Factory, sent in a note re. the efficacy of the chemical, "Fluate De Magnesie", for the purpose, and this was circulated to the other members for their opinion. They have since furnished their opinion on the note. It has now been proposed to have the said meeting at Mysore, about the middle of this month. The result of the same will be communicated to Government, in due course.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Muzrai Commissioner.

Submitted for perusal
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THE MUZRAI COMMISSIONER IN MYSORE,

1st April 1941

S. ABDUL WAJID, Esq., B.A.,
Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore,
Bangalore.

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J. Appaji Gowda, Esq., B.A.(Hons.)
Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
General *Department*

GENERAL SECRETARY
2 APR. 1941

Re. Meeting of Officers for discussing the question of conservation of the Image of Sri Gomateswara at Sravanabelagola.

In continuation of this Office letter No.H.C.14/37-38 dated 4-3-1941 re. the above, I have the honor to forward herewith, for the information of Government, a copy of the proceedings of the Meeting of Officers, held on 28th March 19 in connection with the steps to be taken for the conservation of the image of Sri Gomateswara.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Muzrai Commissioner.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE, HELD ON 29TH MARCH 1941, AT BANGALORE, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSERVATION OF THE IMAGE OF SRI GOMATESWARA AT SRAVANABELAGOLA.

Present.

1) The Huzrai Commissioner in Mysore. (Chairman.)
2) " Chief Engineer of Mysore. ("
3) " Director of Geology in Mysore.
4) " Director of Archaeological Researches in Mysore.
5) " Director of Sandalwood Oil Factory, Mysore.
6) " Government Architect in Mysore.

Absent.

1) The Deputy Commissioner, Hassan District.

The views of the members of the Committee, regarding the conservation of the image of Sri Gomateswara, were invited and discussed.

Dr. L. A. Krishna, Director of Archaeology, submitted photographs showing the fissures on the statue, for the examination of the members.

Mr. S. C. Sastry, Director of Sandalwood Oil Factory, exhibited the chemical compound (Vinyl Acetate), which was recommended by the Archaeological Chemist to the Government of India, for the preservation of the image and which has been tried by the chemist for the preservation of some of the monuments at Ajanta. Mr. Sastry explained that Vinyl Acetate could be used for surface treatment, and that it would not discolour the image, and that, further, it would not be acted upon by the sun and rain.

Re. the filling up of the fissures on the statue, the members put forward their suggestions. Mr. Sastry suggested that by filling up the fissures, further seepage would be stopped and that this should be done after removing all the dirt matter.

rishna suggested that the feet of the image should c covered and protected from contamination due to breaking of cocoa- nuts at anointing the feet with oil, etc., by pilgrims.

Finally, it was resolved that (i) for the present, experiments might be conducted by the Director of Geology and the Director of Sandalwood Oil Factory, both at Bangalore and Sravanabelagola, on stones similar in quality as to that of the image and not directly forming part of the statue or its inscriptions with Vinyl Acetate. It was, further, resolved that Mr. Sastry may be authorised to cable to the Trade Commissioner for Mysore in London, to send the chemical, Vinyl Acetate.

(ii) The suggestion of the Director of Geology that, as the right wing of the lower portion representing the ant-hill is not well supported, it would be necessary to replace the existing packing wall with properly built substantial masonry wall, so as to give a firm support to this side of the roof, was considered. It was unanimously resolved that this work, which was estimated to cost Rs. ~~300~~ 300 might be entrusted to the Chief Engineer.

(iii) It was also resolved that the next Meeting might be held at Sravanabelagola, in the middle of June 1941, after a joint inspection of the image.

M. N. Anantha.

1-4-1941. For Muzrai Commissioner.

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OFFICE OF THE MUZRAI COMMISSIONER IN MYSORE,

Bangalore, ...8th....April.....1941~~xxx~~.

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FROM

Rukn-ul-Mulk
S. ABDUL WAJID, ~~Esq.~~, B.A.,
~~K.V. ANANTARAMAN, Esq., B.A.~~
Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore,
Bangalore.

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12. APR. 1941
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M. ZR.

To

J. Appaji Gowda, Esq., B.A.(Hons.)
Secretary to Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore,

GENERAL SECRETARIAT
10 APR. 1941
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General.....Department,

SIR,

Re. Meeting of Officers for discussing the question of Conservation of the Image of Sri Gomateswara at Sravanabelagola.

In continuation of this Office letter No.M.C.14/37-38 dated 2-4-1941 re. the above, I have the honor to state that a sum of Rs 8-12-0 was spent from the Office imprest for the supply of lunch to the members of the Committee who were present at the Meeting, on 29th March 1941; and to request that sanction of Government may kindly be obtained to meet th charge thereof from the contingent allotment of the Office

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Abdulwajid.

Muzrai Commissioner.

S. Apd. F.V.T.—G.2.

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Diary No. of letter replied to 1509

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Date of issue 9th May 1941.

Signed by Mr. S.K.V.

May this be—

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(v) placed at the disposal of the press?

(vi) published in the Gazette, Kannada Part?

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File No. 10-37

Serial No. 69

Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

Read—

Letter No H.C. 14/37-3 dated 8.4.1941 from the Municipal Commissioner in which he is seeking sanction to the need the expenditure of Rs 1-12-0 (Rupee and annas twelve) incurred on account of the supply of lunch to the members of the Committee

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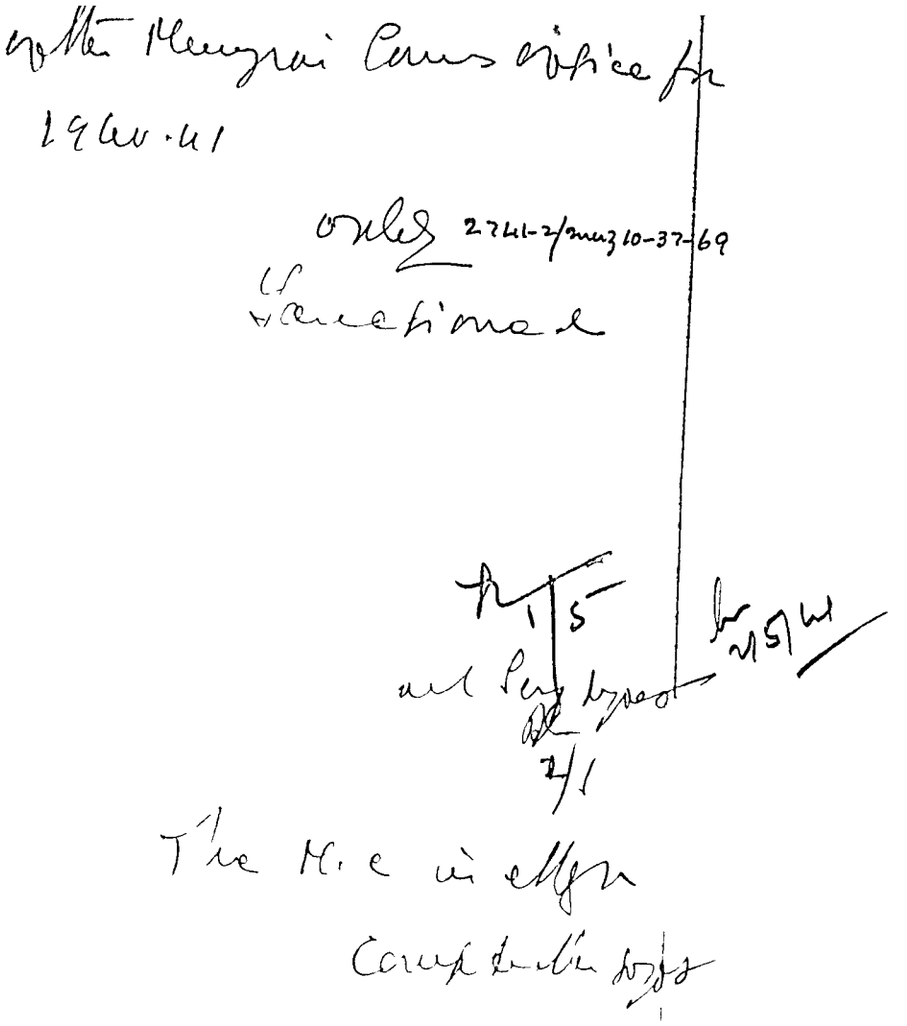

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

Read :—

Letter No. H.C.14/37-38 dated 2-4-1941 from the Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore requesting sanction to meet the expenditure of Rs.8-12-0 (Rupees eight and annas twelve) incurred on account of the supply of lunch to the members of the Committee held at Bangalore on the 29th March 1941 for considering measures for the conservation of the Image of Sri Gomateswara at Sravanabelagola, the charge being met from the contingent allotment of the Muzrai Commissioner's office for 1940-41.

ORDER NO. 2741-2/muz 10-37-69

Dated, Bangalore, the 9th May 1941.

S a n c t i o n e d.

Secretary to Government,
General Department.

To

The Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore.

The Comptroller to Government.

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Diary No. of letter replied to. 1579.

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Date of issue 9th May 1941

Signed by M S K V

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Serial No. 70

No. 2743 mnz 10-37-70 Encl 1

To

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Sir,

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N.C.14/37-38 dated 8.4.1941 regarding
measures proposed to be taken for
the conservation of the Image of Sri
Gnanaleshwara at Kalvandalaipola
I am directed to forward herewith
for the information of the Committee
an extract of the Notes of the
Director-General of Archaeology in Sinhala
on the subject.

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for Secretary

For Secretary for
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General and Revenue Secretariat.

Dated, Bangalore, ...

From

The Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.
General Department.

To

The Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore,
Bangalore.

S i r,

With reference to correspondence ending with your letter No. H.C.14/37-38 dated 8-4-1941 regarding measures proposed to be taken for the conservation of the Image of Sri Gomateswara at Sravanabelagola, I am directed to forward herewith for the information of the Committee an extract of the Notes of the Director-General of Archaeology in India on the subject.

I have the honour to be,

S i r,

Your most obedient servant.

for Secretary to Government,
General Department.

Bangalore, 2nd Augu 1941

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RUKN-UL-MULK
SECRETARY
ABDUL WAJID, B.A.,
Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore,
Bangalore.

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4 AUG. 1941

J.Appaji Gowda, Esq., B.A. (Hons.),
Secretary to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore,
General *Department*

In continuation of this office letter No.M.C.14/37-38 dated 2nd April 1941, I have the honour to forward herewith for the information of Government, a copy of the Proceedings of the Meeting of Officers held on 23rd July 1941 at Sravanabelagola, in connection with the steps to be taken for the preservation of the Image of Sri Gomateswara.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

Muzrai Commissioner.

Proceedings of the Meeting of the Committee held on 23rd July, 1941, at Sravanabelgola, Chennarayapatna Taluk, in connection with the conservation of the Image of Sri Gomateswara.

GENERAL SECRETARIAT
4 AUG. 1941

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REVENUE SECRETARIAT
5 AUG. 1941

PRESENT:-

1. The Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore (Chairman).
2. The Chief Engineer of Mysore,
3. The Director of Geology in Mysore.
4. The Director of Archaeological Researches in Mysore
5. The Director of Sandal Oil Wood Factory, Mysore.
6. The Government Archetect in Mysore.
7. The Deputy Commissioner, Hassan District.

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The Members who made a detailed inspection of the Image described the various fissures, patches and lichen growths appearing on the Statue and suggested certain remedial measures. Dr. Krishna submitted photographs of the Image also for the examination of the Members.

Mr. S.G. Sastry put before the Committee the book "Antiques - their restoration and preservation" by Lucas which discusses the several preservative measures in such cases. It was agreed that Mr. Sastry may place orders for six copies of this book and for a copy of another book by Petrie. It was also resolved that Mr. Sastry may be authorised to correspond with Professor Lucas, British Museum and the Department of Antiquities in Cairo and get their suggestions on the subject for the consideration of the Committee.

Regarding the chemical compound Vinyl Acetate which was recommended for the preservation of the Image during

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the last meeting Mr. Sastry said that the Trade Commissioner for Mysore, in London, has written to him to say xx that the chemical was not available any where in London and that he would get it from Canada where it was said it was available.

From the Executive Engineer's file it was found that a liquid called 'Szerelemy' which was recommended for - treating the cracks and arresting the decay, was tried on the crack in the little finger of the image 32 years ago (G.O.No.5850-2 dated 30th June 1908). It was resolved to authorize Mr. Sastry to communicate with the Trade - Commissioner re: Szerelemy and Magnesium Silicate regarding their composition and application and these may also be tried as an experiment along with other remedies. It was also resolved that all the actual experiments may be conducted on the broken image (Bharateswara image) which is exposed on all the sides and which gives the best experimental medium (as suggested by Mr. Sastry) and also on the the South and West walls of Chamundaraya Basti (as suggested by Dr. Krishna) on the smaller Hill and the results watched.

The details regarding the construction of a support on the right wing of the lower portion representing the - ant-hill were discussed. It was agreed that a solid - support (pucca masonry wall) should be constructed to give support as on the left so that the crack in the right leg may not develop further and this new structure might be covered with coloured cement (cement mixed with granite powder).

Regarding the protection of the feet of the Image from chemical effects of cocoanuts water, oil, ghee, curds etc., it was resolved that instructions may be given that whenever 'Padapuja' is done to the Image, sufficient - 'Suddhodakasnana' must be done i.e, it may be washed well

well with water.

Chief Engineer's recommendation regarding the - suggestion of the desirability of deputing an Engineer of the Public Works Department and an Officer of Archaeological Department for studying the methods of treating hair cracks in various parts of India was considered. It was considered desirable that an — Engineer and a Photographer might be deputed to Madras (Mahabalipuram) for the purpose.

Dr. Krishna requested that some amount may be allotted every year for the Renovation of Bastics. The Chairman promised to consider his request later and asked him to prepare a list of those that are to be renovated.

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M. N. Ramaiah.
For Muzrai Commissioner.

T.S.P.10-.

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OFFICE OF THE MUZRAI COMMISSIONER IN MYSORE,

Bangalore, ...5th August.....1941.

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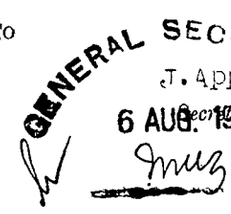
FROM

RUKN-UL-MULK
S. ABDUL WAJID, B.A.,
Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore,
Bangalore.

To



T. Appaji Gowda, Esq., B.A. (Hons.),
Secretary to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore,
.....General..... *Department*

SIR,

Conservation of the Image of Sri Gomateswara at Sravanabelagola.

In continuation of this Office letter No.M.C.14/37-38, dated 2nd August 1941, forwarding a copy of the Proceedings of the Meeting of Officers held on 23rd July 1941, at Sravanabelagola in connection with the above, I have the honour to state that an estimate for Rs.325/- received from the Chief Engineer of Mysore, for constructing a masonry wall supporting the Ant-Hill portion of the Image of Sri Gomateswara has since been sanctioned, as it formed one of the subjects discussed and approved at the Meeting (vide para 2, on page 2 of the Proceedings).

2) A copy of the order is enclosed for the information of Government.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Abdul Wajid.

Muzrai Commissioner.

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ORDER OF THE MUZRAI COMMISSIONER IN MYSORE, BANGALORE.

REFERENCE:-

Correspondence ending with letter No.853 dated 21-7-194[illegible] from the Chief Engineer of Mysore, forwarding for sanction an estimate countersigned by him and by the Director of Archaeological Researches in Mysore, amounting to Rs.325-0-0 (Rupees three hundred and twenty-five) for constructing a pucca masonry wall in place of the existing packing wall supporting the ant-gild portion of the image of Sri Somatesw[illegible] at Sravana Belgola.

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Bangalore, Dated 5th August 1941.

Sanctioned. The cost on this account will be met out of the funds of the Sri Gravanabelgola Mutt and Temples.

2) The Deputy Commissioner, Hassan District, is requested to arrange for the sanctioned work viz., Rs.325/- (Rupees three hundred and twenty-five only, being placed at the disposal of the Superintending Engineer, Hemavathi Circle, under whose supervision the work will be executed.

M. N. Ramaiah.
for Muzrai Commissioner.

The Chief Engineer of Mysore, Bangalore.
The Director of Geology in Mysore, Bangalore.
The Director of Archaeological Researches in Mysore.
The Director [illegible] Secretary, University of Mysore, Mysore.
The Government Architect, Bangalore.
The Deputy Commissioner, Hassan District.
The Comptroller of Government.
The Executive Officer, Sri [illegible] Mutt, Sravana Belgola.
sanctioned estimate for Rs.325-0-0 vide his letter No.853 dated 21-7-[illegible] of the Chief Engineer referred to above.

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